

# HAVE YOU MOVED?

When you move to a new address, you should update your voter registration. This is important so that you can receive election information in the mail, and also to make sure you get to vote for all the appropriate candidates and measures.

However, if you move to a new address *in the same county* as your old address, and you have not updated your registration, there is a "fail-safe" law that says you can still vote.

To do so, you must go to the polling place appropriate for your new address. To find your polling place, see page 20 of this booklet.

Because your voter registration does not reflect your current address, your name will not be on the list of voters at the polling place but you can request a **"provisional"** ballot. This is just like a regular ballot, but it is inserted into a special envelope and will only be counted after the elections official checks to make sure you are properly registered to vote. Be sure to sign the envelope!

If you move to a new address in a different county than your old address, you must re-register to vote and the "fail-safe" process does not apply.

The last day to register to vote for the ~~March 2, 2004~~ <sup>NOVEMBER</sup> ~~Primary Election~~ <sup>GENERAL</sup> is ~~February 17, 2004~~ <sup>OCTOBER 18, 2004</sup>.

(NOTE: If you moved to your new address after ~~February 17th~~ <sup>OCTOBER 18th</sup>, you can return to your old polling place to vote.)

## WHAT IS HAVA?

The federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 or HAVA was signed into law by the President in October 2002. It is intended to prevent the problems that were experienced in Florida at the November 2000 presidential election by providing for the modernization of voting systems, elections official and pollworker training, voter education, accessibility to voting systems by individuals with disabilities or with alternative language needs, a statewide database, a complaint procedure, provisional balloting, and other changes. Many of the reforms contained in HAVA are patterned after existing California State law. However, all of the provisions of HAVA are being implemented to ensure that every valid vote counts. For more information regarding the implementation of HAVA in California, please see [www.MyVoteCounts.org](http://www.MyVoteCounts.org).

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